

Kanine Korner

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More and more people are joining the ranks of dog owners. Every minute of every day another human takes on the responsibilities of dog ownership. But, if it's just a passing fancy or to keep in style or perhaps a status symbol, my advice is to forget it and turn to some other hobby field of endeavor.

No one should own a dog unless he truly loves dogs. Have mercy and compassion for your dog. You cannot own a living creature. God owns him! God made him! Kindness to animals inevitably leads to kindness to human beings. Cruelty inflicted upon dogs and all animals causes agonizing pain and brutalizes the perpetrator. Under the stars God speaks to you as he speaks to all the creatures of his hand. We, ourselves, are just a link in the chain.

You and I are not final perfection of creation, nor exempt from the judgement which will overcome all who transgress against the law of love. We may count our intellect as superior to those of our four-footed brethren but in the light of countless thousands of intelligences that move on a thousand planets, it is feeble and limited, indeed. Dogs have insight, senses and knowledge which we lack. We can never achieve salvation except through that love which fathoms all creation.

WOULDN'T IT be a blessing if all of us could retain the outlook of children. A dog is like a child who never grows up. A dog cannot speak as we do, but he can understand each and every feeling that we have and he is happy or sad whenever we are.

The dog has chosen to live with man instead of other animals. The pets whom we love and who love us can spend only a speck of time on this earth. I feel fortunate to be able to spend that one speck of time with my beloved Gordon Setter, Lady Heather.

Dogs are grateful creatures, treasured gifts from the Almighty. For some food and shelter a dog will love and protect you for the remainder of his life.

BOWSER BROWNSINGS: — Gateway Cities English Springer Spaniel Ass'n holds their 15th Annual Specialty Show, Saturday, at Orange Empire Dog Club House in Fontana. Eye-catching Springer Spaniels galore will be on hand. The following day, Sunday, San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club basks in the canine spotlight with their 24th Annual All Breed Dog Show & Obedience Trial at Recreation Park in Monrovia. This is a one-day unbenched event. . . . Rudyard Kipling once said: "His name is not dog of the field any longer, but the first friend because he will be our friend forever and ever. . . ."

Cute sign in a dog grooming parlor—IF IT HAS HAIR, WE TRIM IT! . . . Talented motion picture actor John Dennis is the latest to literally go to the dogs. He joins my Kanine Korner staff next Monday as producer of my radio program. Who will ever forget Dennis in the gaudy role of Sgt. Ike Galovitch in "From Here To Eternity"? His screen credits are multitudinous. Welcome aboard John Dennis.

IN GREAT BRITAIN, dog groomers report that people spend as much money on mixed breeds as pure breeds. Poodles are no longer the wonder breed in England but still a substantial part of the total grooming business. . . . It happened in Oakland, California! A fake animal control truck has been picking up dogs and re-selling them to breeders and research labs. The driver has no uniform or badge. This truck was labeled SPCA on its side but was not one. . . . My thanks to the tri-specialty club, All Setters, Inc., for its kind and thoughtful gift of the All Setters Manual and Pictorial. This a beauty! All Setters Club dedicates itself to the three Setter breeds of dog — Irish, English and Gordon. . . . The war dogs of the ancient Gauls were outfitted in armor and collars bristling with spikes. . . . It is most interesting to note that the coat of the Kerry Blue Terrier is black

at birth, gradually turns to a light shade and then to a rick dark blue.

BREED OF THE WEEK—German Shepherd. . . The German Shepherd's history in America has been one of boom and bust followed by the current period of healthy revival and restoration. During the 1920s, the Shepherd was by far the most popular

dog on earth. The breed's brilliant service record in World War I started the ball rolling. His fame and consequent desirability were increased still further by the movie hero dogs, Strongheart and Rin Tin Tin.

By 1916, more than one-third of all the purebreds registered with the American Kennel Club were German Shepherds, a position of prominence which has never been equaled by any other breed including the Poodle. Then came the landslide. As happens so often when a breed of dog receives an overdose of the glaring spotlight of publicity, the German Shepherd was mercilessly exploited.

DEALERS AND breeders whose ignorance was matched only by their stupidity, cashed in happily on the American public's hankering to own one or more of this handsome breed. Indiscriminate breeding brought forth questionable pedigree, wretched conformation and an undesirable disposition. The results of such abuses were a disaster to the breed.

By 1934, there were exactly 792 German Shepherds registered for the year. In 1926, 21,596 passed through the AKC files. Only a breed of exceptional merit could recover from such a downfall and this the Shepherd has done.

Law in Action

As soon as the states ratified the U. S. Constitution, most of them wanted guarantees of the basic freedoms for which the Revolutionary War had been fought. The proposed "Bill of rights" amendment to the Constitution would do this.

Many drafts of these new rights were made. Actually, there were some twelve amendments — but only ten were ratified. In broad terms they made the basic protections a part of the Constitution: Freedom of religious,

speech and assembly; freedom from unlawful search and seizure; protections of property, life, and liberty; guarantees of jury trial, fair ball, and fair procedures.

The Bill of rights used terms such as "due process" and "equal protection" of the laws. The U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted these terms broadly.

THE COURT often looks back to the abuses of the British Crown to decide what framers of the "Bill of rights"

had in mind. All the rights and protections could not be set out in the Constitution thus Article Nine provides that "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

As a result, the Supreme Court held that the Constitution also protected a "right of privacy." It struck down a state law which banned the teaching of birth control. A couple has the right to maintain their marital relationship completely private. No government should enact laws that interfere with it.

Court has protected other rights even though not directly listed in the Constitution. For example, the court has held that persons have a right to choose their associates and there is no duty to disclose them to the state unless for good reasons. In short the Constitution provides a "zone of privacy."

Other rights include the right to educate your child in a school of your own choosing, public or private, religious or non religious. These and others are part of the fundamental personal rights "retained by the people," though not specifically listed in the Constitution.

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